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| TSANG et al. |) | Art Unit: 1641 |
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| Application No. 09/857,539 |) | Examiner: Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen |
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| Filing Date: June 6, 2001 |) | Confirmation No. 6357 |
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| For: REAGENT AND METHOD FOR |) | |
| DETECTING A CRYPTOSPORIDIUM |) | |
| PARVUM SPOROZOITE ANTIGEN |) | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Please consider the remarks, arguments, and preliminary claim amendments offered below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.